

REMARKS

The above-captioned application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to Application Serial No. 09/812,216, filed March 19, 2001, which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to Application Serial No. 09/414,010, filed October 7, 1999.

Applicants request entry of this Preliminary Amendment before substantive examination of the above-captioned application. Claims 21-36 will be pending after entry of this Preliminary Amendment. Claims 1-20 have been canceled. Claims 21-36 have been added.

This amendment has been prepared according to the USPTO's revised amendment format.

Amendment to the Specification

The specification has been amended to reflect the chain of priority.

Amendment to the Claims

Claims 1-20 have been canceled by the present Preliminary Amendment. Also, claims 21-36 have been added. Support for the new claims can be found on page 2, lines 28-38; from page 6, line 33 to page 7, line 2; from page 23, line 14 to page 26, line 31, and elsewhere in the specification. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

If the undersigned can be of assistance in advancing the application to allowance, please contact the undersigned at the number set forth below.

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